the specification which discloses, "The conditions [for making compacted nucleic acid particles] may include from 0-1 M salt." (Page 10, line 23.)

None of these claims introduce new matter. Their entry is respectfully requested.

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